

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 20-42 have been cancelled. New claims 43-68 have been added. Claims 1-19 were previously cancelled. Hence, claims 43-68 are pending. Support for the newly added claims can be found in the specification. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action mailed January 25, 2006, claim 20 were objected to because of certain informality. In order to expedite prosecution of the above identified application, claim 20 have been cancelled without prejudice in any manner.

Claim Rejections

In the Office Action mailed January 25, 2006, claims 20-24, 28-36 and 40-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Lorenz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,310,882) in view of Toth (U.S. Patent No. 6,018,529). Additionally, claims 25-27 and 37-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Lorenz and Toth in view of Do et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,052,276). Applicant respectfully traverses all these rejections. But in order to expedite prosecution of the above identified application, claims 20-42 have been cancelled without prejudice in any manner.

New Claims

New claims 43-68 have been added. Among them, claims 43, 57, and 64 are independent claims. Lorenz, Toth, and Do do not, alone or in combination, teach or suggest one or more claim limitations.

With respect to claim 43, Lorenz, Toth, and Do do not appear, alone or in combination, to disclose at least a first interface card coupled to the first switched network card, a second interface card coupled to the first switched network card, a first data communication

link connecting the first transfer card and the first interface card, a second data communication link connecting the second transfer card and the second interface card, the first switched network card is coupled to the first interface card and the second interface card, and the first switched network card and the first circuit card are different types of cards.

With respect to claim 57, Lorenz, Toth, and Do do not appear, alone or in combination, to disclose at least a switched network card coupled to the first circuit card and the second circuit card, the first backplane and the second backplane are associated with different physical locations, and the switched network card is further configured not to receive any data signal that is not sent from or through a circuit card.

With respect to claim 64, Lorenz, Toth, and Do do not appear, alone or in combination, to disclose at least the first interface card being coupled to the switched network card, the second interface card being coupled to the switched network card, connecting the first transfer card and the first interface card, and connecting the second transfer card and the second interface card.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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